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Draft report

Addendum

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III. PROGRAMME QUESTIONS

Proposed programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993

Section 11C. United Nations Conference on Environment and Development

1. At its 31st meeting, on 1 June, the Committee considered section 11C of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993.

Discussion

2. A number of delegations stressed the importance and high priority they attached to the preparation of the 1992 United Nations Conference on Environment and Development. In this regard, they expressed their support for the activities of the Conference secretariat.

3. Several delegations expressed concern that the summary reference made to General Assembly resolution 44/228 did not reflect all the issues covered by the resolution and included issues which were not in that resolution.

4. Some delegations expressed concern that the provision made for the Voluntary Fund for Supporting Developing Countries Participating in the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development and its preparatory process did not seem sufficient.

5. Some delegations questioned the need for the provision of 11 staff members to remain for the full 12 months in 1992. Others found the proposals well justified to ensure the effective initial stage of the follow-up to the Conference. Some delegations noted that the provision was based upon an assumption and subject to change in accordance with any possible decision by the Conference or the General Assembly.

6. Some delegations questioned the timeliness of the consultancy work in 1992-1993 contained in paragraph 11C.7, since the final session of the Preparatory Committee would be held in early 1992. Others stressed the time constraints and workload of the Conference secretariat and the need for consultancy support in this regard.

7. Some delegations were of the view that the provisions made for consultants and travel of staff were too high and requested clarification on how the provisions would be spent. Additional information has been provided by the secretariat on this subject.

Conclusions and recommendations

8. The Committee recommended that paragraph 11C.2 should be changed to include a reference to General Assembly resolution 44/228 and that the remaining part of the paragraph should be deleted.

9. The Committee recommended approval by the General Assembly of the programme narrative of section 11C of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993.

10. The Committee recommended that appropriate revisions should be made to the medium-term plan and proposals for the 1992-1993 budget, taking into account the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development and should be considered during the thirty-second resumed session of CPC.